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Enclosed is a summary of a telephonic interview which took place on 9/6/2007.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The discussion included rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph (indefiniteness), 35 USC 102(a) and 35 USC 103 (a). A pertinent 35 USC 112 issue in the claims is the phrase "lower titer". Applicants will consider introducing more specific language regarding the titer of CD25 magnetic microbeads according to supportive disclosure in the specification regarding amounts (paragraphs 0088 and 0185, Example 8). The discussion also centered on how to distinguish the claimed method, which produces cells that are more potent suppressor cells, from the methods of the prior art references. Applicants submit that unlike the claimed method, the methods of the prior art references do not produce cells with a CD62L marker. Applicants will consider including a limitation regarding the CD62L marker into the claims.

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